

CLAIMS:

1. Method of determining a first segmentation result of an object of interest in a first image of time-series images, the time-series images including the first image and a second image; the method comprising the step of: adapting an initial mesh to the object in the first image to determine the first segmentation result; wherein the adaptation of the initial mesh to the object of interest is performed on the basis of an energy optimisation using the initial mesh and a shape model of the first image; wherein the initial mesh corresponds to a second segmentation result of the object of interest in the second image; and wherein the second image precedes the first image in the time-series images.
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2. The method of claim 1, wherein the energy optimisation further comprises the steps of: determining an internal energy corresponding to a first distance between the first segmentation result and the shape model; determining an external energy corresponding to a second distance between the object of interest and the first segmentation result; and minimizing the external and internal energies.
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3. The method of claim 1, wherein the shape model is a time-dependent, three dimensional surface mesh determined from a training model.
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4. The method of claim 1, wherein the object of interest is at least one of moving and deforming.
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5. The method of claim 1, wherein the second image immediately precedes the first image in the time-series images.
6. The method of claim 1, wherein the method is a method for the

automated segmentation in cardiac MRI.

7. Image processing device, comprising: a memory for storing a first and a second image of time-series images; and an image processor for adapting an initial mesh to an object of interest in the first image to determine a first segmentation result; wherein the adaptation of the initial mesh to the object of interest is performed on the basis of an energy optimisation using the initial mesh and a shape model of the first image; wherein the initial mesh corresponds to a second segmentation result of the object of interest in the second image; and wherein the second image precedes the first image in the time-series images.
8. Computer program for an image processing device for determining a first segmentation result an object of interest in a first image of time-series images, the time-series images including the first image and a second image, wherein a processor of the image processing device executes the following step when the computer program is executed on the processor: adapting an initial mesh to the object in the first image to determine the first segmentation result; wherein the adaptation of the initial mesh to the object of interest is performed on the basis of an energy optimisation using the initial mesh and a shape model of the first image; wherein the initial mesh corresponds to a second segmentation result of the object of interest in the second image; and wherein the second image precedes the first image in the time-series images.